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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1625

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Examiner: P. Morris

APPLICATION NO: 09/699,765 FILED: OCTOBER 30, 2000

FOR: SUBSTITUTED 3,5-DIPHENYL-1,2,4-TRIAZOLES AND THEIR USE

AS PHARMACEUTICAL METAL CHELATORS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 5, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 11 and 14.

Please amend claim 9 to read as follows:

(amended) A compound according to claim & which is 4-[3,5-bis(2-hydroxyphenyl)-[1,2,4]triazol-1-yl]benzoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Please amend claim 10 to read as follows:

(amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 15, of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.